STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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NORTH HAVEN WATER DEPARTMENT Proposed Meter Rates

ORDER

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

SUMMARY OF ORDER

We approve the North Haven Water Department (Department) metered rate sheets filed on November 27, 2001. These rates are designed to produce approximately the same annual revenue as the fixture rates they are intended to replace.

BACKGROUND

On November 27, 2001, the Department filed with the Commission its request for the approval of its proposed metered rate sheets. The Department has installed meters throughout its water system and has been metering the water, sold on a flat rate basis, for 6 quarters. The four most recent quarterly readings were used to determine the appropriate rates to produce the same level of revenues as generated by the Department's existing fixture rates. The rates are proposed to become effective on March 31, 2002.

DECISION

We have reviewed the Department's filing. We find that the metered rates proposed by the North Haven Water Department provide approximately the same revenue as the Department's existing fixture rates.

Accordingly, we

ORDER

1. That the North Haven Water Department Metered Rates, consisting of Sheets 4 and 5, both Originals, filed on November 27, 2001 are approved to become effective for service rendered on and after March 31, 2002.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 5th day of February 2002.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Raymond J. Robichaud
Assistant Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: WELCH

NUGENT DIAMOND

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